Dear friends in the arts:

We are very excited that the Arts Midwest Conference, the preeminent annual booking and education conference for the Midwest performing arts industry, will be hosted in Minneapolis, Minnesota from Wednesday, September 17 – Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Each year, the Conference is attended by more than 1000 performing artists, managers, and agents; performing arts presenters/venues; and arts administrators from throughout the United States and beyond. We come together for an educational and motivational four days focused on promoting and presenting live touring performing arts and to share our passion for using creativity to inspire and engage communities.

2014 Arts Midwest Conference Leadership

We are thrilled to announce that Dayna Martinez of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and Mike Green of Mike Green and Associates will serve as co-chairs for the 2014 Conference. Along with the co-chairs we look forward to involving you, members of Minnesota's thriving performing arts community, to help us showcase the best our state has to offer.

Learn More & Get Involved

Arts Midwest, along with the Minnesota Presenters Network, invites you to attend an informational and planning meeting about the Conference on Friday, December 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Hilton Minneapolis.

We hope you will join us at this meeting, during which you'll have the opportunity to help us shape our programming, identify venues for showcases and hospitality events, recommend speakers and session topics, and offer ideas for networking, marketing and other program planning.

Please RSVP to Caitlin Sinnett at <u>Caitlin@artsmidwest.org</u><<u>mailto:Caitlin@artsmidwest.org</u>> by **Tuesday, November 26**. A reminder email with the details about the meeting will be sent in early December.

We understand that you may have a schedule conflict or may have a long-distance drive to join us in Minneapolis. If you are not able to be part of this planning meeting, but want to be involved please let us know. Here are other ways you can help:

• Nominate yourself or a colleague to serve on the Spotlight Showcase Panel or Professional Development Committee<<u>http://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/conference/get-involved</u>>

 Recommend a professional development topic or speaker<">http://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/conference/get-involved>

• Stay informed by signing up for our email list<<u>http://artsmidwest.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?</u> <u>u=3dab870439eebf188782138dd&id=6f0e9046c0</u>>.

Thank you for your support of the Arts Midwest Conference.

Best regards,

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